

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 12, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Jim Daniel
Commissioner Rick Hall
Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Mike Sparks
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Truman Jones
Regina Nelson Preble Acton
John Frost Bill Kennedy
Candy McCluskey
Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the special called meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

The purpose of the meeting was review of the Sheriff's Department 2010/2011 proposed budgets.

Sheriff Jones advised he had met with the County Mayor to review the budgets and with revenue being down has already adjusted the proposed budgets and is in consensus with the Mayor on most items.

Account 54110 was reviewed first. Mayor Burgess advised there had been some confusion on the SRO positions as the new SRO at Oakland Middle is being transferred from the Board of Education budget, there will be a new SRO position for Buchanan Middle and a new shared SRO position for the magnet schools. All schools will be covered under this arrangement.

The only new personnel in the budget are two SROs and four part-time crossing guards.

Mayor Burgess advised no salary increases are shown in these proposed budgets. Discussion was had regarding the proposed promotion of the Administrative Legal Assistant and salary increase of \$5,940. Chairman Farley advised he was not in favor of this as patrol officers put their life on the line and have not had raises in two or three years. Mayor Burgess advised he too was not in favor of the two proposed promotions.

Commissioner Shafer advised overtime, data processing and SRO line items appear to be the main differences. The Committee was advised the camera system at the jail will have to be updated. The Committee was also advised all 85 patrol cars have cameras at this time.

Mayor Burgess advised this was a continuation budget for the third year in a row. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the proposed Account 54110 2010/2011 budget as presented with changes discussed including two SRO positions at \$75,060, four part-time crossing guard positions, deleting the transfer from Narcotics because it is in the budget twice and

changing Account 709 to \$17,000. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Although the promotion was not taken out of the budget, it will be discussed again at Budget Committee and Commissioner Peay ask that the current salary of that position be made available at the Budget Committee.

The Committee was next presented the proposed 2010-2011 budget for Account 54210 for the jail. Mayor Burgess advised he was in agreement with the entire budget except the promotion for Maintenance Supervisor and proposed \$5,000 raise. Chairman Farley again reiterated he desired more money for patrol and Mayor Burgess advised the proposed promotions can be addressed at the Budget Committee. With fewer inmates it is hurting the budget because there is not as much reimbursement from the State with the early release program. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the Jail Budget, Account #54210, as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The next budget presented for consideration was Account #54150, Drug Enforcement. Mayor Burgess advised he had no objection to this budget as presented. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the proposed 2010/2011 budget for Account #54150, Drug Enforcement, as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman